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Safed	17	18-35	38
Haifa Port	17	18-35	38
Tiberias	17	18-35	38
Nazareth	17	18-35	38
Afula	17	18-35	38
Sharon	17	18-35	38
Tel Aviv	17	18-35	38
B-G Airport	17	18-35	38
Jericho	11	20-41	41
Gaza	12	18-36	36
Beersheba	5	16-37	37
Eilat	5	21-40	38

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Israel-America Friendship Society, chaired by Raya Jaglom, held a reception in honor of the American Ambassador and Mrs. Lewis and the diplomatic staff at the U.S. Embassy on Thursday night at the Rebecca Sieff House in Tel Aviv. The reception was addressed by Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche and the society's president Arye Dulin.

ARRIVALS

German Minister of Research and Technology, Heinz Riesenhuber, accompanied by his wife and three senior aides, as guests of Minister of Science and Development Yuval Ne'eman.

Robert and Joan Arrow, Daniel and Eyal Dunner, Larry and Rita Field, Arnold and May Forster, Irvin and Shirley Goldberger, Earl and Miriam Katz, Howard Shur, Martin Witte, from U.S.A.; Conrad Abrahams-Curil, Lady Clarissa Avon, Eric and Jacqueline Charles, Lady Sarah Cohen, Mrs. Geddes, Irene Gibbs, Hyman and Irene Kreiman, Martin Panser, Lord Weidenfeld, David Wernick, from England; Amb. Andre de Staacks, Madeleine Feller, Josef Gruenwald, Prof. Andre Jaumotte, Walter and Mary Louise Loridon, Gerard and Brigitte Philippon, Pavel Vanden Driessche, Frances Vasekhi-Rossi, from Belgium; Erica and Thomas O. Hecht, Canada; Robert Lange, France; all for the 14th Board of Governors meeting of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Jerusalem woman, 107

A 107-year-old woman, Masada Shabarabany, died in Jerusalem yesterday evening after suffering a heart attack. She had been in good health and totally independent until then, according to a grandson.

She was born in Baghdad and immigrated to Israel in 1952. She is survived by four great-grandchildren and many others in the intervening generations.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Knesset business as usual in short summer session

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Although the Knesset has voted for its early dissolution, a normal summer term will open tomorrow. In view of the forthcoming elections, however, the summer session will be a short one. Instead of winding up at the end of July, it is scheduled to last only until Monday, June 4th, which is two days before the Shavuot holiday.

The Tenth Knesset will remain in office until the Eleventh Knesset is convened; until then it can be called together for special sessions, either by the government or at the request of 30 members, as is the case during any Knesset recess. In 1981, the Ninth Knesset held two special sessions during the pre-election recess both at the request of the Alignment.

According to Knesset rules, a new session convenes at 4 p.m. on the second Monday after the publication of the election results in *Reshumot*, the official gazette. In 1981, the results were gazetted 10 days after the elections. Unless the count this time takes much longer, the Eleventh Knesset will convene on August 13.

On this week's Knesset agenda, which is subject to change, according to the Knesset Secretariat, are surveys by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Or and Industry Minister Gideon Patt on the work of their respective ministries, followed by debates.

In fact, such ministerial surveys

will probably constitute most of the House's agenda during its brief summer term. These surveys are an integral part of the debate on the state budget, but the Knesset long ago gave up the attempt to hear these surveys before voting on the budget. Whatever ministry surveys are not debated before the vote on the budget are debated afterwards, in which case the minister's report is put to a vote.

Only six ministry surveys were debated before the budget vote at the end of March, leaving a remainder of 12. Last year, although the summer term lasted the usual two-and-a-half months, some ministry surveys were never delivered.

Under Knesset rules, motions for the agenda are not heard in the first week of a new term. Still, the President may decide to make an exception and recognize as urgent a motion submitted by Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui) calling on the House to denounce the activities of the so-called Jewish underground.

According to the Justice Ministry spokesman, 26 government bills that passed their first reading in the Tenth Knesset are now in various Knesset committees. In addition, 16 bills that passed their first reading in the Ninth Knesset, and to which the Tenth Knesset applied the continuity rule, are also in committee. Since the government coalition cannot be said to exist, only uncontroversial bills — and only some of them — are expected to become law in the Tenth Knesset.

14 dead on roads last week

Fourteen persons were killed and another 74 were seriously injured last week in 61 road accidents. Four pedestrians were among those killed, while 56 were among the injured.

On Friday a man was killed by a train near Rosh Ha'ayin. Police said he was carrying no identification at the time of the accident. An investigation is under way. (Ium)

Bakers to resume normal supplies

Bakers in the North say the supply of standard bread will be back to normal as of today. This move comes after a week of sanctions by the bakers, who provided only fancier, more expensive breads and bialls for Israel's northern towns and settlements.

The bakers say their profit mar-

gins for the subsidized standard loaves have been eroding and want to raise their prices.

Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt welcomed the bakers' move and said he would meet with their representatives after the ministry receives the requested figures of bakery profits.

Na'amat raps 'test-tube' baby fee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Na'amat secretary-general Masha Lubelsky has criticized Health Minister Eliezer Shostak for imposing a \$700 charge for in vitro ("test-tube") fertilization. In a letter to the minister, Lubelsky wrote that women who have difficulty conceiving should receive this medical service free of charge. The right to bear a child should not be limited to those with means, she wrote.

Lubelsky told Shostak that women who need this treatment

have asked Na'amat for help in their public campaign to make in vitro fertilization a free service. The women need help, Lubelsky said, because they feel unable to deal with the organizational problems involved in such a campaign and because they are reluctant to identify themselves in public as women with this particular problem. She said Na'amat will help these women if the minister does not retract his decision.

Until now, the service has been given free.

MD forces review of infant feeding guide

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Health Ministry will appoint a committee of experts to review an infant nutrition guide it distributes through the *Tipat Halav* well-baby clinics.

The review was agreed to at a High Court hearing last Thursday when veteran Haifa pediatrician Dr. Ya'acov Wilczek sought an injunction against the brochure's distribution.

No time limit has been set for the committee's work but it is expected that the findings and recommendations will be submitted.

Wilczek has crusaded for years

against what he claims are the ministry's harmful infant feeding guidelines. He particularly objects to the suggestion that infants start to eat meat from the age of three months. He also holds that infant menus should be scaled to weight rather than age.

Interurban bus fares

Interurban and some urban bus fares will rise on Tuesday by up to 14 per cent. There will be no change in the 1935 urban fares.

The following are some examples of the new fares: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv, IS320 (up from IS280); return IS570 (IS500); Jerusalem-Haifa, IS700 (IS610); return IS1250 (IS1100); Tel Aviv-Haifa IS450 (IS350); return IS720 (IS630); Tel Aviv-Ashkelon, IS250 (IS220); Jerusalem-Beersheba, IS490 (IS430).



Moscow deputy-mayor Anatoly Kostanko (left) poses with other members of his delegation shortly after arriving on Friday at Ben-Gurion Airport. (Yossi Aloni, IPPA)

'300,000 Jews live in Moscow'

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

About 300,000 Jews live in Moscow, the city's deputy mayor Anatoly Kostanko told a press conference at Ben-Gurion Airport on Friday shortly after arriving at the head of a seven-member delegation.

They have come for the celebrations of the Allied victory over the Nazis during World War II being sponsored by the Israel-Soviet Friendship Committee.

Kostanko said the Soviet Union has pulled out of the Olympic games because the Soviet Olympic committee has not been satisfied that the security of its sportsmen was fully protected.

But, he said, "I wouldn't say we are hitting back at the U.S. for

failing to attend the Moscow Olympics."

He added: "Our Olympic committee feels that the conditions in Los Angeles are not good enough concerning the security of our people. This does not mean we have changed our attitude to the Olympic Games, which continues to be for us an important and positive sector in bringing people closer together."

He said he brought no message to Israel indicating a change in Soviet relations with Israel.

Other members of the delegation are Andrei Bulayev of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Vladimir Rudnikov of the Novosti news agency, two singers and an accordionist.

Neighbours' tiff ends in fatal stabbing

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A man was stabbed to death and another was badly wounded in a fight between neighbours in the town of Tirat Carmel, south of Haifa, on Friday night, the police reported.

Melech Zisu, 35, died on the way to the hospital.

His relative Rafi Dadon, 24, also from Tirat Carmel, was taken to

Rambam Hospital where his condition was described as fair.

The fight broke out when the two men and Zisu's wife went to visit a neighbour and accused him of insulting Zisu's son, police said. The neighbour then stabbed the two men with a kitchen knife.

The police, summoned by neighbours who reported a violent dispute, arrested the 25-year-old man.

Dogs' heads' blood smears terrify Ramot woman

A Ramot woman who says she has a long-standing quarrel with some of her family was horrified to discover a "plastic bag" containing "two dogs' heads" left outside her apartment door at the end of last week.

The wall of the stairway had been

smearred in blood, with an indecipherable message. The woman, who took the plastic-wrapped package and went with it to the police with whom she has lodged a complaint. She said this is not the first threat made against her life.

POLITICIZED

(Continued from Page One)

and escaped being wounded when one of the bombs went off in the garage of former El Bira mayor Ibrahim Tawil. The major accompanied a police sapper to the scene where the bomb was discovered and exploded on the morning of the attack four years ago; when the bomb went off the sapper was blinded and the officer was thrown into the air, hurled by the blast onto the hood of a jeep parked nearby.

When he got up after the explosion, the major told then-OC Central Command Aluf Moshe Levy that "it was my faith that saved me."

Like all the other suspects in the group, the officer is religious. Another suspect apparently supplied the time-clocks used for the explosive devices, but apparently without knowing for what purpose. The Post has been told that in order to camouflage their intent, one of the group asked this unwitting accomplice to install one of the sab-bath timers in a house.

More suspects are due to be remanded today and tomorrow for a second two weeks of police custody, and indictments are expected during that time.

A "political trial" is being regarded warily in certain political circles, because it could force them to take stands on such issues as Science Minister Yuval Ne'eman's characterization of the attacks on the West Bank mayors as "having a positive effect." Furthermore, within the settlement community there are those arguing that a political trial could "get out of control" and result in the naming of high-ranking government officials or politicians whom the defendants would argue supported the underground.

In other developments: • Former intelligence chief Isser Harel told a newspaper interviewer on Friday that former General Security Service chief Avraham Ahituv should not have needed to ask former premier Menachem Begin for permission to investigate the attacks on the West Bank mayors. Harel said Ahituv should have gone ahead and investigated without asking anyone. "If he thought he wasn't being allowed to do his job, he should have resigned," said Harel. Ahituv has denied published reports that Begin tried to limit the investigation.

Harel also said that the success of the GSS inquiry was in large part due to the reputation of anti-Arab attacks. "It would have been night on impossible to break the case if they had stopped after the one action against the mayors," he said. • Jerusalem District police commander Tat-Nitzav Rahamim Comfort on Friday persuaded the Waki (Moslem) leadership on the Temple Mount to cancel plans for a post-prayer demonstration by thousands of Moslem worshippers. The demonstration had been called to protest against suspects' reported plans to destroy the Temple Mount mosque, and against the heavy Border Police forces stationed on the mount since last January.

Police officials denied that one of the Jewish underground suspects in custody tried to commit suicide. Such a report was published on Friday, and in the first official statement relating to the case since it broke two weekends ago, a police spokesman denied it.

The denial was viewed by observers within the context of mounting pressure from within for a formal police briefing or press conference to "correct a lot of misconceptions" that have been reported by the press. Despite allegations by some politicians and Gush Emunim leaders, no police spokesman has so far been allowed to speak with journalists regarding the case.

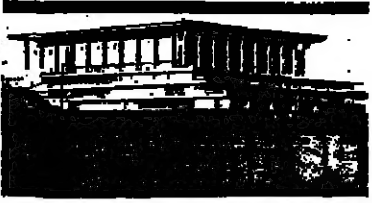
Peres pledges safety of public's cash

TEL AVIV (Ium). — An Alignment-led government would honour all government undertakings on savings and liquid assets, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres said here on Friday at the Engineers Club.

Peres said an Alignment government would not lower the real value of wages, but would seek to link them to a rise in productivity.

He also said Labour would prefer to assign fewer resources to building villa homes in the West Bank and more to improving education. Preference in the establishment of science-based industry would be given to the development towns and the outlying areas of the large towns in an effort to bridge the social gap, Peres said.

Speaking yesterday at the commit-



tee drawing up the party's election platform, Peres insisted that a special section be devoted to strengthening the army.

On possible negotiations with Jordan, Peres said these must be based on a number of principles: no abandonment of existing settlements; talks, without any pre-conditions, based on UN resolutions 242 and 338; a change in the settlement policy; and an announcement that Israel is ready to discuss the future of the Gaza Strip as a first step.

Former premier Yitzhak Rabin stressed the renewal of the peace process, the revitalization of relations with Egypt, and ending the army's stay in Lebanon.

Hurwitz, Shoval to run on their own list

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former finance minister MK Yigael Hurwitz and former MK Zalmi Shoval intend to run on their own ticket on July 23. The two, who ran previously within the Ra'i, State List, and Telim parties, will now make a bid on their own.

It is not clear whether the Likud will offer them a home as a separate faction on the Likud list. This might be at the expense of the Liberal Party.

In another development, Le'am's MK Ehud Olmert wishes to replace Health Minister Eliezer Shostak at the head of the list. While Le'am, the smallest faction in the Likud, is officially committed to an early merger with Herut, they would still be assured of only two safe places in the overall Likud list.

Christian Arabs firm on Labour placement

Jerusalem Post Staff

HAIFA. — Some 200 Christian Arabs have threatened to sever all connections with the Labour Party if their candidate, Hanna Haddad, a retired police officer, is not assigned a realistic place on the Labour slate of Knesset candidates. The group, which met here on Friday night, says that some 100,000 Christian Arabs

have only one MK, Rakah's Tawfik Toubi.

Meanwhile, some 60 Moslem members of the Labour Party will meet tomorrow to select their nominee. Four party members from Galilee and two from the Little Triangle are contesting the single nomination.

Weizman seeking deal with Aguda on TV time

Yahad sources yesterday confirmed that Ezer Weizman's new party intends seeking a deal with Agudat Yisrael to "borrow" the latter's television time when TV electioneering begins.

The Aguda, in keeping with ultra-Orthodox practice, has always refused to use the television space it is allotted. But it does use its radio time. Yahad, as a new party, is only

eligible for 10 minutes throughout the TV campaign and plans to trade its radio time for Aguda's TV time if the 11th Knesset election committee permits the deal.

Meanwhile Weizman is continuing his get-acquainted bar-storming of the country's markets. Last Thursday, he was in Beersheba, and this week he will spend three days travelling through the North.

PLO strife impedes talks with Jordan

CAIRO (AP). — A Jordanian cabinet minister says the strife-torn PLO must "set its own house in order" before there can be progress on a dialogue with Jordan about the future of the Palestinians.

Jordanian Information Minister Leila Sharaf made the remark to reporters following a meeting Thursday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Sharaf, who was in Cairo for a meeting of non-aligned information ministers, said talks between Yasser Arafat's wing of the PLO and Jordan were in the "preliminary stage."

"We hope the PLO will be able to set its own house in order so that progress can be made," she said.

In Amman on Friday, Jordanian Prime Minister Ahmad Obeidat said Jordan is in favour of a return of Egypt to the Arab ranks and called

for an urgent Arab summit to discuss the Palestinian question and the Iraq-Iran war.

Obeidat said the Arab world should "extend its arm toward Egypt to help it get closer to the Arab and Islamic family and get rid of Israeli pressure."

On relations between his country and Syria, he said "our ties are not cut — but they are affected by different analyses of the Iraq-Iran conflict" and of the situation in Lebanon.

Obeidat also warned against "the spreading of the Iraq-Iran conflict into another confessional war."

"Our identity, as Arabs and Moslems, and our civilization, are threatened if the ideas of Khomenei are allowed to spread in the Arab world," he said.

Carter: 'Jerusalem now a city of hatred'

KUWAIT (AP). — Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter warned Israel yesterday that its "determination to annex the West Bank and Gaza" will deny its present generation the chance of peace with the Arabs and expressed regret that Jerusalem had turned into a city of "killing and hatred."

In an interview with the newspaper *al-Anba*, Carter also described President Ronald Reagan's Mideast peace plan of September 1982 as "dead," and criticized Democratic presidential candidates for introducing the issue of the U.S. embassy transfer from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in their campaigning.

"I am strongly disappointed at what the Middle East case has suffered in the American presidential campaign so far," Carter said in the interview. "We have reached a point where our differences with Israel loom in all truth and with all inherent dangers."

Describing the situation in Jeru-

salem as a tragedy, Carter said it was a "disaster for Moslems, Christians and Jews to find Jerusalem, the city of love and peace, turned into a home for killing, hatred, provocation and misunderstanding."

He said he was writing a book on the Palestinians and Jerusalem which he wanted to take as a gift to Jerusalem "when one day I hope it will have returned to being the eternal city of peace."

The interview was conducted in Birmingham, Alabama where Carter was delivering lectures at the university.

Al-Fajr workers held

HEBRON (Ium). — Security forces have arrested four employees of the East Jerusalem daily newspaper *al-Fajr*. Security sources reported that the four, residents of Idna, about 10 kilometres northwest of here, are suspected of distributing seditious material.

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The Family

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Week ends with massive sell-out

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The holidays at the beginning of last week reduced trading to only three days. And if Tuesday started off with rising prices, the process was reversed on Wednesday, when profit-taking set in. And Thursday saw a massive sell-out.

The General Share Index for the week showed a drop of only 0.68 per cent, but for those who also take the devaluation of the shekel (about 2 per cent) into account, the loss is considerably higher.

The question is not what made prices fall towards the end of last week, but why they rose in the preceding week (that ending May 3). There was no reason for them to rise along a broad front, for most business companies show "profits" which become losses under Advisory Opinion 23 of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

True, there are a few real bargains on the market, for there are some companies which did make an "adjusted" profit in 1983, and whose shares are selling at very low prices. But, as noted, these companies are in the distinct minority.

The little boom which started in the week ending May 3 was caused

by the "insiders" trying to "warm up" the market. They caused prices to rise — which is not an expensive trick when turnovers are dimly low — in the hope that the public would again be attracted to the market.

They hoped that this public, which had been so badly burned in 1983, would have developed a memory lapse. And this public did have the other main element required to get back into the market — ready cash.

There is a lot of money floating around. Much of it is in *patam* (foreign currency equivalent) accounts, hoping for a nice investment to turn up. And there is a feeling of pre-election prosperity in the air, for the government is printing shekels at a fast rate, so much so, that Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad has been dubbed "Yigal the Printer."

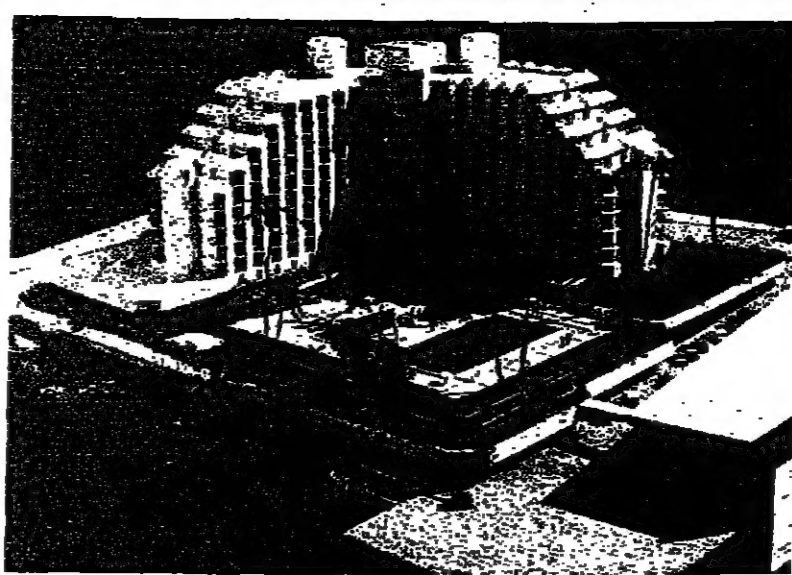
And the hikes in the prices of basic food commodities earlier this month have not kept up with the index, adding more fuel to the fire.

But the public kept away, and the "insiders" decided to allow the market to collapse. For it soon became apparent that a considerable amount of the ready cash — although the *patam* accounts do not seem to have been effected — seems to be

flowing into the dollar black market. Many of these dollars are being bought by people in preparation of their summer holidays abroad, but a considerable quantity seems to be going underground, either into safe-deposit boxes, or under the proverbial mattress. (Although in Israel the usual expression is under a "tile in the kitchen.")

Most persons feel that no matter which party wins the elections, the post-election period will be one of austerity, or at least of great uncertainty. The external debt is growing steadily, and steps must be taken to get the economy on a more even keel.

What is interesting to watch is whether the "insiders" will make another attempt to entice the public back into the market before elections, at least to get them interested in the shares of those companies which are export-oriented. For these companies will undoubtedly be coddled by the government after elections in an effort to step up exports and earn foreign currency. For the long haul, these export-oriented companies, especially investment companies with large holdings in exporting firms, might prove a good buy.



Model of the ten-storey, 400-room Nahar Hayarden Hotel, operated by the Moriah chain, which is to open in Tiberias this summer. (Ran Erdo)

Plastics manufacturers strain to find new markets

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The government is continuing to help entrepreneurs set up plastic plants, even though Israel's plastics industry already has the capacity to produce two or three times what it can sell, Rony Shatan, head of the plastics section in the Manufacturers' Association, said here recently. "If someone wants to invest his own money to produce what is not needed, that's his privilege, but when public money is wasted in the process, that's a different matter," Shatan said.

The Association of Plastics Manufacturers, which includes representatives of both private and kibbutz industry, has recently organized trade missions to try to increase exports. The latest of these was to the Far East. Participants estimated that they will export somewhere between \$3 and \$5 million as a direct and fairly immediate result of a visit, and they hope additional benefits will also come from the contacts they made.

The 14-member delegation went to Australia and Singapore to sell, and to Taiwan and Japan to learn, but some participants also made business deals in those countries on the "learning" part of the tour.

As for learning, Zvi Bash said Israeli industry could learn a great deal from the discipline and productivity he saw in Taiwan, and from the identification of workers with their firm which he saw in Japan. "If we could imitate their good points and add our 'Jewish head,' we could go further than anyone else," he said.

Abba Nurik added that he thinks Australia and other Far East countries are an excellent market for Israel and should be further developed. "We can sell at higher prices there than we can in Europe or the U.S.," he said.

All the participants praised the work of Israel's economic consuls in Sidney and in Singapore, who made all the advance arrangements. "I had thought the cocktail party would be a waste of time," Zvi Bash said as an example, "but when I got there it turned out to be the beginning of an important business transaction."

Funds run by Discount have IS180b. assets

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The assets of the provident funds run by the Discount Bank stood at IS180 billion on March 31, 1984 according to Eli Cohen, chairman of the executive committee of the Discount group.

At the end of 1983, assets stood at only IS122b., which was a growth of IS54.4b. during all of 1983. This constitutes a 23.5 per cent nominal growth and a 11.7 per cent real growth.

During 1983, some 50,000 people joined these provident funds, bringing total membership up to 640,000 (of which 475,000 are in Tamar, the bank's largest provident fund).

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Lebanese banks struggle to survive

By ALISTAIR LYONO
BEIRUT (Reuters). — The near-collapse of a Beirut bank has raised widespread fears about the health of Lebanon's banking sector as it struggles to survive the severe economic battering the nation has suffered in nine years of civil war.

A few weeks ago, the Central Bank intervened to prop up the First Phoenician Bank, a medium-sized bank that took over the operations in Lebanon of the First National Bank of Chicago in 1982.

Opinions among government officials and bankers vary on how far First Phoenician's problems are symptomatic of a general malaise in the banking sector.

A senior government official told Reuters he felt no "sizeable concern" about the banks. He blamed the crisis at First Phoenician on its management, but was confident the sickness in the economy at large had not yet reached the banking sector, which he said had coped so far with flexibility and strength.

"However, if the present situation continues without a political solution, there is danger of a real collapse that would affect all sectors," he said.

Lebanon's economy is already

reeling. Factories are in ruins, trade has slumped, workers' remittances from abroad have dwindled and last year a once-healthy balance of payments turned into a deficit of around \$1 billion.

Lebanon has no fewer than 87 commercial banks and the contraction in the economy since 1982 has sharpened competition for deposits, even though investment outlets are scarce.

"Too many banks are oriented towards large balance sheets, rather than towards profitability," the manager of an American bank commented. "As a result they find themselves paying interest on deposits they cannot use."

He said the decline in trade had led to a sharp drop in the volume of letters of credit, normally a major source of bank earnings.

Instead, banks have the option of investing in Treasury bills, which the government issues to finance public spending and control liquidity in the banks.

Banks now hold about \$2.5b. worth of bills. Bankers say they are safe — as long as Lebanon has a central government — but they offer a lower yield than loans to the private sector.

A lack of investment opportunities has tempted many banks to speculate in foreign currencies, the government official said, even though they are officially barred from doing so.

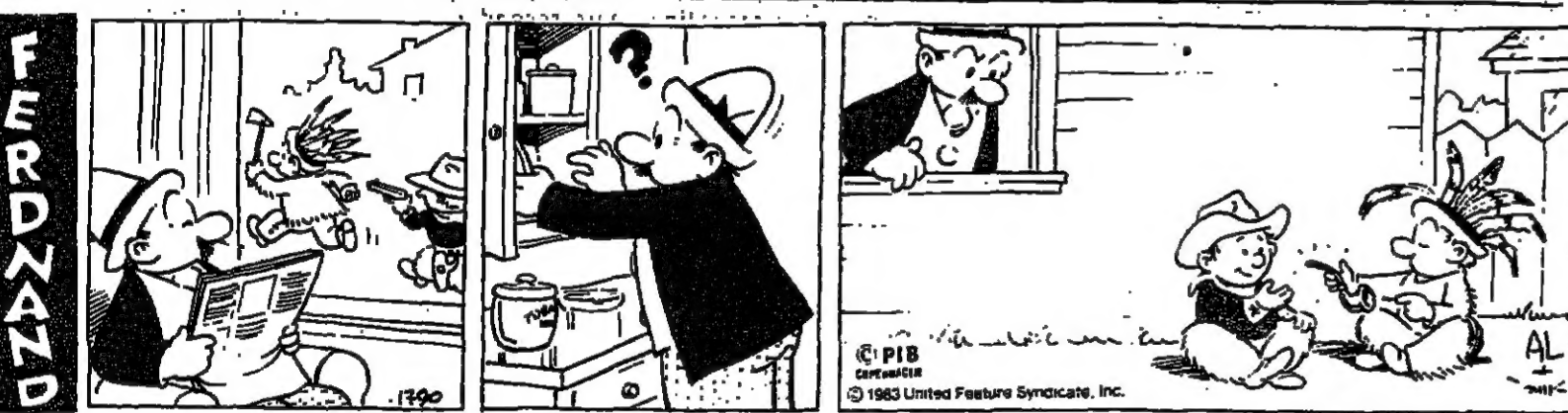
Lebanon's banking secrecy laws make it almost impossible for the Central Bank to monitor such operations if they are carried out with the collusion of depositors, he added.

The Central Bank appointed a team to run First Phoenician when its problems first came to light in February. It has since injected more than 250m. Lebanese pounds (\$44m.) to enable the bank to meet its obligations.

Auditors are still assessing the bank's losses, which the official agreed could be as high as \$70m.

Prompt action by the Central Bank, which fears that any bank failure would destroy confidence in the whole sector, has done much to reassure local bankers.

But they have become more cautious. The manager of a foreign-owned money dealing company told Reuters certain large banks were refusing to do business with some smaller ones.



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Go slow like an accurate draughtsman has to do? (4, 2, 4)

6 Duck from Middle East found in home counties (4)

10 Current car manufacture in Ghana (5)

11 Mayne the result of accommodation bargains presenting no burden of course (4, 5)

12 Jenny used to tell a tall story (4, 4)

13 Sun god born of a woman married to an Indian prince (5)

15 Secret service man? (7)

17 Trod, slipped, got twisted inside and all at a leisurely pace (3-4)

19 Worker enters the ring boasting noisily (7)

21 Single decent sort has a pleasant air (7)

22 In diplomacy I should be understood (5)

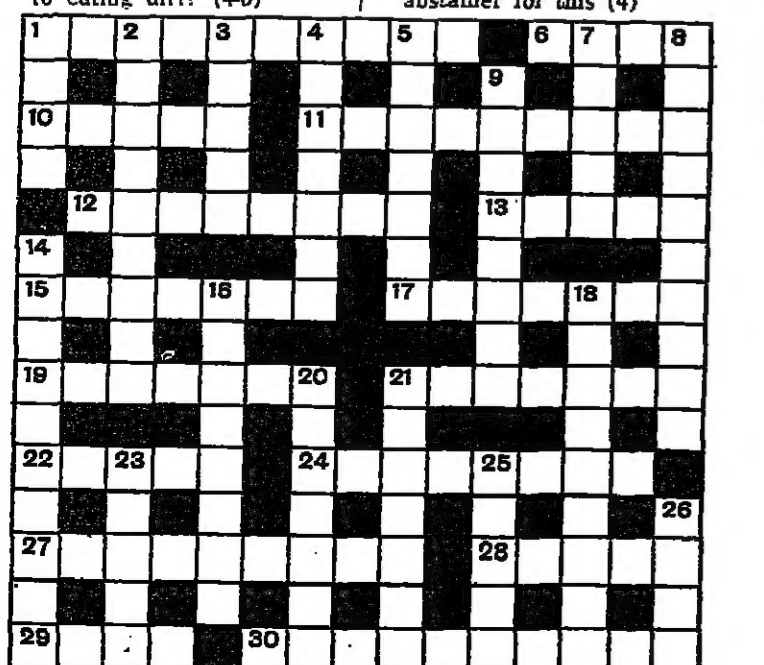
24 Apparently navy is also excluded in the arctic areas (6)

27 Study involving star and moon axis (9)

28 French river to the North leads to a sound (5)

29 Long timber (4)

30 A problem for overpopulated countries accustomed to eating dirt? (4-6)



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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Work amateurishly (5)

4 Beautiful girl (5)

8 Overweight (5)

9 Concert performance (5)

10 Brave (5)

11 A crowded dwelling (5)

12 Tug joint (5)

13 Lay (5)

14 Excavate (5)

15 Otherwise (5)

16 Socialist (5)

17 Par trouble (5)

18 Seize power (5)

19 Drive back (5)

20 Cling (5)

DOWN

1 Notwithstanding (5)

2 Irritated (5)

3 Raised (5)

4 Dollar (5)

5 Turning tool (5)

6 Chocolate choux (5)

7 Foam (5)

8 Deep (5)

9 Kick (5)

10 Lead-in appendage (5)

11 Court clown (5)

12 Dazzling light (5)

13 Russian plain (5)

14 Keen edged (5)

15 Gemstone (5)

Bank of Israel exchange rates

Friday, May 11	IS
U.S. dollar	189.05
British sterling	261.69
German mark	68.242
French franc	22.219
Dutch guilder	60.759
Swiss franc	82.772
Swedish krona	23.279
Norwegian krone	24.110
Danish krone	18.662
Finnish mark	32.358
Canadian dollar	145.91
Australian dollar	170.78
South African rand	146.77
Belgian franc (10)	33.511
Austrian schilling (10)	97.111
Italian lire (100)	110.80
Japanese yen (100)	82.285
Irish pound	209.47
Spanish peseta (100)	121.81
Jordanian dinar	495.31
Lebanese lira	33.170
Egyptian pound	161.64

Friday's solutions

PARASOL CATCHES
A E E I O U I A
DEVICES SINGLET
D E R T I L L I
LEAVE THROUGH
E L Y N U C F
DASHING TURNKEY
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SCAMPED WORLD
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A E G T E E O G
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Across: 1, Ketchup; 5, Watches; 9, Costume; 10, Dolores; 11, Oliver; 12, Telephone; 13, Foghorn; 14, Sutures; 15, Fighter; 16, Blasted; 22, Tolerated; 24, Plain; 25, Grazier; 26, Entries; 27, Extender; 28, Surgery.

Down: 1, Kick-off; 2, Tasting; 3, Houseboat; 4, Preston; 5, Waddles; 6, Tump; 7, Harbour; 8, Sisters; 9, Grumpyhead; 16, Fatigue; 17, Calendars; 18, Refuses; 19, Badgers; 20, Tea-time; 21, Dynasty; 23, Reign.

WALL STREET WEEK

Stocks ready to move ahead, but bonds not cooperating

NEW YORK (AP). — There is a strong belief on Wall Street that the stock market is ready to advance if only the bond market would improve. But the bond market is not cooperating.

Moreover, if the bond market continues to slide, analysts say the stock market could lose whatever enthusiasm it currently holds.

Given the rise in interest rates so far this year, and the subsequent slump in bond prices, some Wall Streeters are impressed that the stock market has even managed to hold its own.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average is down 129.50 points from its 1984 high of 1,286.64, reached last January 6. But since March 9, the blue-chip measure is up 17.38 points.

So stocks haven't been able to break out into a broad, sustained rally, but they haven't completely crumbled under the weight of higher rates, either, which is giving cause for optimism.

"The stock market's ability to levitate as both long and short interest rates rise has been truly remarkable," Greg Smith, research director

at Prudential-Bache Securities Inc., writes in his latest market commentary.

A. Marshall Acuff Jr., portfolio strategist at Smith Barney, Harris Upham and Co., says that while stocks "go down on a given day, they bounce back the next day. There's resilience on the upside and this is occurring at a time when the bond market continues to deteriorate."

The New York Stock Exchange composite index fell 0.52 to 91.23, and the American Stock Exchange market value index lost 3.00 to 209.21.

Big Board volume averaged 87.91 million shares daily, compared with 95.57 million the previous week.

While the stock market has avoided a major retreat, Acuff says it's not hard to see why many money managers have cushioned themselves with large cash positions.

A look at the total returns — price appreciation plus yield — of Treasury bills, Treasury bonds, a variety of stock indexes and other measures shows "cash is king," he says.

Treasury bills have been "the only area to produce a consistent positive return" over the past year, he says.

Show of Italian goods at Beit Asia

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The "Best of Italy" exhibition, which opens at Beit Asia here on Sunday and runs through May 17, will be dedicated to the following sectors of Italian industry: cars, motorcycles, household electrical appliances, typewriters, personal computers, ceramics, furniture, leather articles, shoes, costume jewelry, musical instruments and tourism.

The Italian tourism stand will be fitted out by Alitalia, and the Italian national airline will also hold a lottery among visitors, with the winner getting a round-trip ticket to Rome.

The exhibition will be open to the public daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The exhibit is sponsored by the economic and commercial section of the Italian embassy.

Most of the products on display are already being imported to Israel by local businessmen, but there will be other items which are not yet sold here.

Budweiser sold out

TEL AVIV. — Supplies of Budweiser beer, which was put on the market by National Brewery on April 24, have been completely sold out. The brewery announces that the special brewing ingredients have been used up and that fresh quantities have been ordered by air from the U.S.

GREATER DAN REGION ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS (SEWERAGE)

TENDER No. 158/D-4/ISP/80

Greater Dan Region Association of Towns (Sewerage) hereby invites contractors to submit bids for the supply and erection of flow control gates in the Sorek Biological Treatment Plant.

Tender Documents and Forms of Tender can be obtained against payment of IS 10,000 — (non-refundable) from the Engineering Department of the G.D.R.A. of Towns (Sewerage), 24 Nachlat Benjamin St., Tel Aviv, on working days, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Prospective bidders should submit their bids in two copies on the forms provided and in compliance with the conditions of Tender.

Bids accompanied by a Bank Guarantee of 5% (five per cent) of the bid total valid for a period of 120 days from the date of submission of the bid to the Tender must be placed in the Tender Box not later than July 2nd, 1984 — at 12:00 noon.

The envelope, containing the bids, should be marked:

Tender No. 158/D-4/ISP/80
Greater Dan Region Association of Towns (Sewerage)

Bids arriving after the closing date and hour and bids submitted without the Bank Guarantee will not be considered.

Bids should be submitted according to the conditions of the Tender Documents. Terms of Payment as specified in Tender Documents.

Bids may be submitted by manufacturers as stated in the contract documents.

Additional information is available from the Engineering Department of G.D.R.A. Association of Towns, Tel. 03-657144.

A site inspection for Contractors will be held on May 28, 1984, leaving the office of G.D.R.A. Association of Towns at 9:00 a.m.

The Tender Board is not bound to accept the lowest or any proposal for the entire Tender or part thereof.

Y. CASPI
Chairman of G.D.R.A. Association of Towns (Sewerage)

Tel Aviv-Yafo District Court

Civil case 785/84

Before Justice Yanon

To be heard at 9:30 a.m. on May 24, 1984

Plaintiffs: Simin Barukhian and others

Represented by Shmuel Saady, Adv.

of 10 Rehov Pinsker, Tel Aviv.

vs.

Defendant: Masoud Barukhian

Summons — Alimony Claim

To: Masoud Barukhian

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Your defence, with addenda, and with your confirmatory declaration, must be submitted to the court within 15 days of the date of publication of this summons.

If you do not comply with the above, the plaintiff will be entitled to have an order made in your absence, on the basis of her claim.


March 12, 1984 Tel Aviv-Yafo, District Court.

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FRANCE	FRANC	1	22.0834	22.3580	21.1200	22.6600
HOLLAND	GULDEN	1	60.3003	61.0038	59.7600	61.8900
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1	82.3078	83.2336	81.4700	84.3700
SWEDEN	KRONA	1	23.1205	23.4091	22.6100	23.7300
NORWAY	KRONE	1	23.9243	24.2229	23.4000	24.5500
DENMARK	KRONE	1	18.5375	18.7688	18.1300	19.0300
FINLAND	MARK	1	32.1323	32.5333	31.4300	32.9800
CANADA	DOLLAR	1	145.1018	146.9123	142.6600	148.9300
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1	169.6874	171.8046	162.1200	175.7300
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	1	145.7547	147.5734	122.7900	135.8800
BELGIUM	FRANC	10	33.2998	33.7154		
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	10	96.3674	97.3698	95.5100	96.9100
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REOPENING THE GATES

By VICTOR POLSKY

80-90 per cent and eventually Jewish immigration was stopped.

It is possible to explain the policy of the Soviet authorities. While the Soviet Jews were eager to go to "their Israel," permission for their emigration did not create big problems for the authorities. Abnormal Jews leaving the Soviet Union for "explosive" Israel, surrounded by enemies, did not arouse envy in other minorities; but the situation altered when Soviet Jews changed their direction and rushed to the U.S. The Soviet authorities found themselves posed with a question: why should only Jews have the privilege of emigrating from poor USSR to rich America, and not Ukrainians and Lithuanians, who have millions of relatives in Canada and the U.S.? But the main point is that the emigration from the Soviet Union to the West (and according to Moscow, Israel does not belong to the West) is contrary to official Soviet ideology and therefore must not be permitted.

I will only touch lightly on the envy felt by a wide circle of Soviet bureaucrats. It is a known fact that for every Soviet diplomat, military expert, party functionary, etc., a trip abroad, especially to the U.S., even for a limited business trip, is a great privilege, viciously fought over. At the same time, it was relatively easy for Jews to get permission to emigrate and to get to America to live. Many people may not agree with me, but this is the reality: the USSR did not and will not recognize, did not and will not allow, free emigration of Soviet people, Jews included, to the West. (One should not give too much importance to the fact that the Soviet Union put its signature to the Helsinki Agreement.)

THERE is therefore no sense today in investing efforts in the struggle for free emigration from the Soviet Union. This struggle is doomed because it is a struggle against the ideology of a regime where concessions cannot be expected. The Soviet authorities would not open the gates to Soviet Jews until they are convinced that

they wish to go to Israel. Therefore it is possible to save Soviet Jews from probably dangerous developments in the regime only if they want or decide to go to Israel. This must be brought to the notice of Soviet Jews, so that they understand that emigration to Israel is the only possible way for them to leave the Soviet Union.

On the other hand, it is not desirable that emigration to Israel should be regarded by Soviet Jews as a cruel and unavoidable necessity. Their attitude must be changed to a positive one, and this can only be achieved by improving the absorption process in this country. Unfortunately, this has been seriously impaired in recent years (and not only for Soviet Jews), largely as a result of the "contribution" of the former minister of absorption, David Levy. His vicious thesis, stop absorption de luxe (as if it ever existed), his policy of sending newcomers only to development areas, regardless of employment prospects, resulted in a very negative reaction, both by new and potential olim.

Even now, more than two years since he ceased to be minister of absorption, Levy continues, as minister of housing, to create difficulties for olim by not transferring unoccupied apartments (of which at present there are 80,000 in the country) from the Housing to the Absorption Ministry. It is thanks to Mr. Levy that thousands of olim continue to live in absorption centres for several years. The difficulties with apartments for olim is not a secret for Soviet Jews and any improvement in the situation would encourage the hesitant to come to Israel.

No less important is the necessity to change the attitude to olim in the country. Very little has been done about this in the past 10 years. The media have not given enough information about the contribution of olim to the development of the country, about the thousands of doctors and engineers, the hundreds of scientists and musicians who have come to live in Israel. There is therefore a feeling among the population that the state (i.e., everyone) gives to

aliya more than it gets from it. That aliya is a burden to the state and not an enrichment. No attempt has been made to correct this misapprehension by means of mass information.

Unfortunately, the neglect of aliya comes from the top. Prime ministers (Rabin, Begin), and other top-level ministers have not displayed any real interest in aliya problems. The atmosphere in the Knesset is disastrous. Debates on the subject are very rare and are conducted with almost no audience. Admittedly the process of absorption cannot be easy, but it is possible either to simplify or to complicate it. And, unfortunately, some recent government actions have made the process even harder, which certainly does not make immigration to Israel more attractive.

FROM ALL THIS it is clear that before starting an international campaign for the opening of the gates of the Soviet Union, it is necessary to put our own house in order, to improve the conditions and the atmosphere for the reception of olim.

Another condition for the rebirth of aliya is a new awakening of the national consciousness of Jews, as happened at the beginning of the '70s. The rebirth of aliya will be only possible if a considerable number of Jews express willingness to come to Israel, or at least do not oppose it.

One can, of course, point to the economic situation in Israel, compare it with that in the U.S. and throw up one's hands. But in 1971-73 the situation in the U.S. was also much better than in Israel, and yet during the Yom Kippur War more than a hundred olim arrived here daily. I believe that motivation is more important than economic calculations. That is why it is so important to inform Soviet Jews by means of radio broadcasts about all the positive aspects of Israel, and to counteract the false and hostile Soviet anti-Israel propaganda.

Our efforts must also be directed to convincing the U.S. to abandon the absurd policy of bestowing re-

fugee status on Soviet Jews who declare their wish to go to Israel, leave the country with Israeli visas and are practically guaranteed Israeli citizenship. Undoubtedly, as in the past, there will be those who oppose this suggestion, ardent upholders of democracy, who will consider this a move against freedom of choice and personal freedom. The reply to them is very simple: there are no other rules of the game yet. The rules suggested by the partner to the game are quite blunt: "You want Jewish emigration from the USSR? Let them go to Israel. Jewish emigration to the States will not be tolerated." It must be now clear to everybody that the Soviet authorities have not left us (and Soviet Jews) any choice. Jews can accept the rules and ensure Jewish emigration from the USSR, or reject them and leave Soviet Jews in the Soviet Union, accepting whatever potential danger that may imply.

IN THEIR ATTEMPT to persuade the U.S. to stop giving *nachshim* refugee status, our government will meet resistance from certain circles in American Jewry who are more concerned about their own interests than those of the State of Israel. The U.S. administration will not want to come into conflict with those circles over the question of Soviet Jewry, and the onus is therefore on Israel to provide Washington with the answers for those communities that insist on granting refugee status to drop-outs.

Help is one: Permits for entry to Israel, provided by the Dutch Embassy in Moscow, should be followed by the automatic registration of Israeli citizenship on every exit visa.

Such a procedure would probably arouse some dissatisfaction among emigrants at the beginning, but would be accepted in future as inevitable. A person who would not agree to receive Israeli citizenship would thus make a voluntary decision on another course of action from the start.

Of all the measures necessary for opening the gates of the USSR for Soviet Jews that have been discussed in this article, the most important, to my mind, is a revival of Zionist motivation among Soviet Jews. If the Soviet authorities once again start receiving letters from Jewish citizens demanding that they permit emigration to Israel, and those letters end with the words, "Israel or death!" as did the famous letter of the 18 families, we can be sure that there will be a new wave of aliya. We have to be ready to meet it properly.

Dr. Polsky is a prominent former Soviet aliya activist.

The lid off Herut

WITHIN A fortnight or so, the election campaign will get into high swing. First off the mark, already, is the ruling party Herut. Last week it put its Knesset list into final shape.

The ordering of the list by the party's central committee was accompanied by much self congratulation about the committee's democratic procedures.

Left unsaid was the fact that there have been no elections to the central committee for six years, as Ezer Weizman pointed out. In order to puncture the democratic balloon of his former party. That, of course, is still better than the record of the National Religious Party where there have been no internal elections for twelve years. But internal democracy has never been a strong card of Israeli political parties and Herut, despite its self righteousness, is no exception. It was for all its years under Mr. Begin effectively a one-man party, and now that he is removed from the scene, the party must find its way.

The first step, taken in the central committee, was to satisfy the claims of the main party factions in order not to rock the boat. To do so, the committee had to relegate the old-timers, linked to the IZL founding past, and the bevy of their sons and daughters, who sought to lay claim to Knesset places by virtue of their descendancy.

With the factional pie now divided and set, the coming election campaign will be for Herut, not simply a contest for who will rule the Knesset, but who will rule the party. A Likud victory, reinstalling Mr. Shamir, would simply postpone that ultimate contest. A loss would bring it immediately to the fore. Whether Mr. Sharon or Mr. Levy — the prime contenders for the succession — would come out on top, the party would in either case no longer be the same — its links to the past and to the norms imposed by Mr. Begin shattered.

Precisely because the party is already enthrallled by the struggle over its future, it placed itself in the rather anomalous electoral position of granting top Knesset list positions to the symbols of its most resounding failures — Mr. Sharon and the former Finance Minister, Yoram Aridor.

The war in Lebanon, of which Mr. Sharon was the architect, and effective economic collapse, for which Mr. Aridor can claim credit, are exactly the two issues that the Likud will seek to suppress in the election campaign by diverting all its public relations resources and slogans to the "Battle for Eretz Yisrael."

Yet the very presence of Mr. Sharon and Mr. Aridor will remind the voters of what the Likud would rather they forget. That the party would have to place itself in such a circumstance, rewarding failure and confounding its own electoral strategy, is explained solely by the internal contest for future leadership.

It will, of course, be easier for Mr. Sharon than for Mr. Aridor to shake off the burden of failure, in the campaign itself. With a canny knack for the outrageous, Mr. Sharon will rivet attention on himself and on his terms — which in his campaign will be Eretz Yisrael and the mortal danger he terms the opposition.

Mr. Aridor will find the going tougher. Defending his own policy will not be credible; defending Cohen-Orgad's, such as it is, will be a self indictment. He too, therefore, will find it more convenient to talk about The Land.

With others to play the demagogue therefore, Mr. Shamir will be able to continue to take the high road of seeming reasonableness — which is the image he, Mr. Arens and Mr. Cohen-Orgad have fostered in deliberate counter distinction to their predecessors.

That image may have personal merit. But politically it no longer has a base. It does not reflect the stirrings and strivings within Herut. It does not reflect the party's morally bankrupt partner, the self-appointed Liberals for whom personal survival is the sole purpose, and it cannot represent a Likud-led coalition, which must buy off the most extremist small parties.

It is with all these inner contradictions then that Herut will embark on its campaign — the first without Mr. Begin. The weaknesses are glaring. Whether the Labour opposition will be able to capitalize on them remains to be seen.

POSTSCRIPTS

BEDUIN TALES REISSUED: For many years, Beersheba's long-time mayor, Eliahu Navi, thrilled radio listeners with his tales of David el-Natur. These folk tales in Arabic earned him a wide and enthusiastic following among Arabic-speaking Israelis.

In 1972, a book containing these tales in Hebrew was published and sold two editions of 5,000 each which very quickly went out of print.

However, Keter publishing house recently decided to reprint the book in a new version. It will be "coffee-table sized," with illustrations by well-known artist Yossi Stern. L.M.

BALLET star Natalia Makarova has brought a \$25 million negligence suit over injuries suffered when a piece of scenery fell on her during a performance at the Kennedy Centre in Washington in 1982.

In the suit filed in Manhattan Supreme Court, Makarova claimed she suffered permanent injuries in the accident during a performance of *On Your Toes*.

As a result, she alleged, she was no longer able to perform the classical ballet repertoire which had earned her a reputation as the world's "foremost prima ballerina."

The suit named Kennedy Centre Productions, the New York produc-

tion company that staged *On Your Toes*, its president, and the makers of the scenery.

The accident occurred on December 18, 1982, when Makarova, a former star of the Kirov Ballet who defected from the Soviet Union in 1970, was making her musical comedy debut.

In the Rodgers and Hart musical she played the lead role, a temperamental ballerina in a Soviet dance troupe visiting New York.

IT MAY be easier to find a cure for cancer than to put an end to the pack of lies, calumnies and falsifications known as *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*.

The infamous anti-Semitic book crops up like poisonous mushrooms in the most unexpected places. A recent issue of *The Jewish Review*, an organ of the Federation of Jewish communities in Yugoslavia, protests the appearance in Belgrade of parts of the *Protocols* in the semi-official weekly *Ilustrovana Politika*.

They are quoted as excerpts from Mihajlo Popovski's book, *The Mysterious World of Freemasons*, and publication inspired anonymous calls, letters and threats to members of the Yugoslav Jewish community. The Federation's appeal to official government bodies to stop the anti-Semitic propaganda was ignored. A.Z.

ON DECEMBER 23, 1983, exactly 13 years after the Leningrad trials, a symposium was held in Jerusalem on "The Ways of Struggle for Soviet Jewry." The symposium was organized by the Public Council for Soviet Jewry. The constantly reiterated leit motif was that "to make wider, deeper, stronger" the struggle against Soviet authorities must be made "wider, deeper, stronger" so that they would be forced to reopen the gates for the Jews.

Such an appeal to action in this direction seems to me untimely today, as it demands serious preparatory work. I am convinced that in the situation that has been created in recent years over Jewish emigration, the Soviet authorities would not open the gates under any external pressure. And this is why.

The Soviet regime, in spite of its brutality and inhumanity, has periodically recognized the right of repatriation to their homeland for different minorities in the Soviet Union. It was so with Spaniards who came to the USSR after the defeat of the Republic in the 1936-39 war and were allowed to return to Spain in the '50s. It was so with Greeks who found themselves in the USSR after World War II and were permitted to leave soon after. It was so with Germans who were returned in accordance with the agreement with Chancellor Adenauer.

And so it came about with Jews, when Premier Kosygin promised in 1966, during his visit to Paris, to allow Soviet Jews to emigrate to Israel in the framework of family reunion. This thesis was officially confirmed at the beginning of the '70s, and still remains the only formula accepted in legal proceedings in the USSR. Under this formula, a quarter of a million Soviet Jews received permission to leave USSR in the last 13 years.

THE EXODUS MOVEMENT was begun by young Zionists who came to the conclusion that the only thing for Jews to do was to leave the country and not to try to improve conditions for Jews in the USSR. The Zionists, who wished to go only to Israel, were joined by others. They, too, originally chose Israel, but later on they transferred their sights to the U.S.

The movement of the '70s was a spontaneous, internally-inspired movement, unexpected in the West, including Israel, and was therefore called a "miracle."

As the years went by, the miracle aliya was transformed into a regular emigration to the West and the Soviet authorities issued several warnings about "drop-outs" en route to what was officially declared to be Israel. Their opposition rose to

READERS' LETTERS

A GREAT LOSS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — I recently was "invited" to take the preventive driving course by Israel's Ministry of Transportation, Highway Traffic Department. Let me say at once it was the best show in town, so much so that midway during the six-lecture course when it became apparent that I was no longer obliged to continue the course, I did so because, in addition to being instructive, it was so entertaining and enlightening about an important segment of society with whom I come in contact all too infrequently. I refer to the truck drivers, bus drivers, and cab drivers, Jew and Arab alike.

Our teacher, Ehud Zimring, a devoted employee of the ministry, brought to his task as lecturer many sterling qualities, above, all a passionate concern for improving the qualities of courtesy, patience and forbearance in which Israeli drivers are deficient. In addition to the crowded highways, vintage cars, heavily overtaxed replacement parts, narrow roads and inadequate highway budgets, it is the human quality that impels the average Israeli driver to claim his priority at all costs, which disturbed Ehud.

The truck, bus and cab drivers all waited impatiently to go on stage each evening, with colourful and long-winded accounts of their highway escapades, near escapes, brilliant solutions to crises caused by other brainless lugs. A lesser man than Ehud Zimring would have been swamped. Physically slight, he commanded their respect, could quiet a shouting match without raising his voice, knew every sinner in the class by first name, and treated the most rambunctious of them with the respect due a fellow human being. He also managed to get his point across each evening.

My neighbour for half the course was a senior professor of biology at an Israeli university. More than once he said to me: "My profession is teaching... and I can tell you, there is a born teacher."

A week ago, Ehud Zimring's picture appeared in the Israeli press. It was he who, as a medic, rushed to the aid of one of the victims of the terror attack on King George Street in Jerusalem on April 2. Bending over a victim to give first aid, he himself was hit by a terrorist's bullets and, after lingering on for three weeks in an unconscious state, he died at the age of 35, leaving a widow and three young children. He also left behind countless classes of Arab and Jewish drivers who benefited by his teaching, and more importantly, were touched by his warmth, his love and his commitment.

MELVIN FENSON
Jerusalem.

MAIL DELIVERY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — The delivery of mail (or rather the lack of it) is causing great concern to several Manchester parents who have sons or daughters studying at the England-Israel High School at Kfar Hanoar Hadati near Haifa.

As you will appreciate, it is most important for our children to receive mail regularly from us to maintain contact during their absence from home and although all the mail which they send to us is received quickly (usually within three or four days by airmail), the same cannot be said of mail sent from England to Israel. I must say that the postal service is consistent in that the mail regularly goes astray. When our children fail to receive letters from us, they just assume that we haven't bothered to write — which can cause a lot of distress, especially if they are suffering from homesickness. At

other times, letters can take anything from one week to three weeks to be delivered.

We are assured by the school and the pupils that there is a speedy and efficient distribution system once the mail arrives at the school, and we have no complaints on that count. However, we do feel very strongly that efforts should be made to ensure that all mail should be delivered without such inexcusable delays or disappearances, particularly when (as in my own case) all envelopes are typed clearly and always include the postal code.

The poor postal and telephone services do not serve as encouragement for us to send our children (potential immigrants) for two years to Israel to complete their schooling, when essential personal contact cannot be maintained in such a basic manner.

LORNA KAY
Manchester.

RETRAINING FOR ALIYA

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*

Sir, — Israel, like many other countries, is faced with a glut of academics — graduates in the field of humanities — who place a strain on an already shaky economy. With spiralling inflation, and increasing unemployment, surely it is the responsibility of the Jewish Agency to encourage prospective olim to equip themselves with the necessary trades and technical skills that would make them valuable assets to Israeli society. Israel would be better served by more tradespeople and technicians than by more of the above-mentioned academics.

JULIUS NADEL
Sydney, Australia

BEWARE OF GENERALS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — Israeli political parties confirm the fact that, in order to enhance their popularity, they tend to look for "popular" and known figures and invariably believe they have to find them among generals. The Alignment started the process with Allon, Dayan and Narkis and continued it with Rabin, Gur and Bar-Lev. The Likud has today Sharon and in the past used the "good" services of Weizman and Dayan.

Now Tebiha has also turned to a general. Eitan, and Weizman has started a party of his own which, apparently, has some more generals among its members. We are slowly but surely turning into a kind of Latin-American state and soon we may well have a junta all our own. Nobody seems to see the danger and those who do, don't seem to care that this state of affairs constitutes a danger to democracy. A military man cannot stop thinking and acting as one, and Sharon is the latest proof of it. When faced with an opponent, read enemy, one does battle, no matter if it is good or bad for the party or for the country as a whole. In no army is anything done in a democratic way, so generals do not think along democratic lines.

All political parties who turn to generals in order to enhance their popularity in the eyes of the voter are endangering our democracy.

We have so many experts on economy, industry, welfare, education and other matters, that we don't have to turn to generals in order to bring us peace and stability.

MORDECHAI B. DESSAUR
Rishon LeZion.

KRISTALLNACHT

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — In "Curtain call" of April 20, your critic writes: "Last year was the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht..." Kristallnacht occurred in November 1938 in Germany and Austria and last year was the 45th anniversary of Kristallnacht, although it was the 50th anniversary of Hitler's ascent to power.

HANSI NATHAN
Haifa.

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THE TORA-LOYALIST CAMP

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — The historic role played by the Mizrahi movement in the regeneration of modern Israel is hardly open to challenge. Its message appears to carry an even greater urgency today, what with the evident decay of secular Zionism, which even the wizardry of (Amos) Oz is unable to transform. Concern over the gradual dismemberment of the NRP is thus widely felt to transcend the narrow limits of party interest.

The blatant failure of the present framework to encompass more than a shrinking segment of this vast constituency renders the search for alternative formats unavoidable. Cosmetic treatment or plastic surgery might possibly impress enough veteran support to accord a temporary respite for the present hierarchy; it will not carry the younger generation.

Before venturing into the realm of specifics, it is perhaps as well to realise that no single platform is

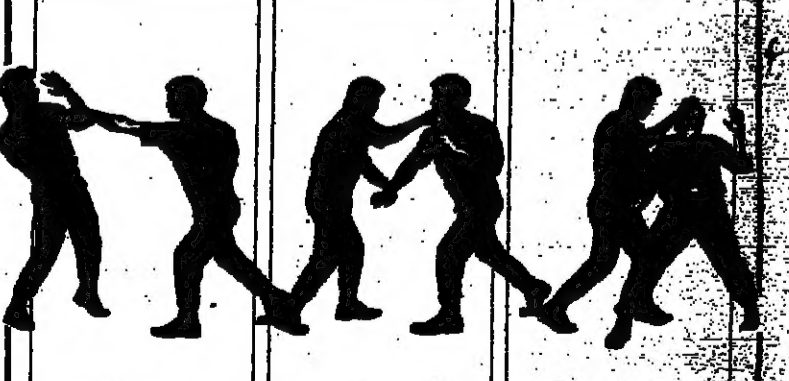
broad enough to accommodate the divergent opinions on national issues held within the Tora-loyalist camp. An artificial parade of unity will thus shed more at the rim than it can siphon at the hub. There is a factual bifurcation of votes, the "left" naturally gravitating towards the Alignment and the "right" towards the Likud. Already, these outgroups bear the traditional constituency of the NRP.

It is the challenge of the hour for the leaders on either wing to weld this amorphous mass of committed Jews into a politically articulate instrument within the two major party configurations — acting as a lobby or issued of joint interest. The existence of an extensive floating vote in the middle will induce both groups to "behave themselves" in safeguarding the minimal Jewish requirements that constitute a *conditio sine qua non* of corporate existence in the State of Israel.

AVNER TOMASCHOFF
Jerusalem.

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